

Odyssey Charter School, Inc.
Grading Policy
Effective 2018-2019

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OCS, Inc.
Board of Directors

The following policies shall be implemented in order to establish suitable uniform procedures for marking and reporting progress of students to their parents/guardians.

- 1) **Mastery Grading** – Grades shall be a measure of a student’s progress and achievement in mastering the subject matter. Grades should be based on the quality of work done and they should reflect a comprehensive evaluation of a student’s progress on a number of assignments/projects/assessments. *A student’s grades should not be a reflection of non-academic factors such as tardiness, lateness of assignments, behavior, etc.*

- 2) **Grading Scale** – Letter grades shall be issued each marking period based on the following numerical values as established by F.S. 1003.437 (F.S. 232.2463):
 - A = 90-100
 - B = 80-89
 - C = 70-79
 - D = 60-69
 - F = 0-59

- 3) **Lowest Grades Available** –
 - Elementary**–No grade lower than fifty (50) will be recorded for any assignment. If a student receives a failing grade due to excessive unexcused absences, the **minimum** grade to be recorded will be fifty (50). This grading floor is intended to prevent the student from reaching a situation that can result in a reduction in academic motivation.
 - Jr./Sr. High School** – No grade lower than fifty (50) will be recorded for each grading period. If the student earns an average grade less than fifty (50), or if a student receives a failing grade due to excessive unexcused absences, the **minimum** grade to be recorded will be fifty (50). This grading floor is intended to prevent the student from reaching a situation that can result in a reduction in academic motivation.

- 4) **Nine-Week Progress Reports** – During the 5th week of each nine-week grading period or by the date indicated in our school calendar, teachers are required to send out an interim report to parents.

- 5) **Semester Examinations for Jr./Sr. High School** – Formal, written, comprehensive semester exams, or a site-administrator-approved alternative assessment where traditional assessments are not appropriate, shall be required at the end of each

semester. All Semester exams must be approved in writing one week in advance by school administration. Exams (unless they are BPS local assessments) will be made available to parents/students for two weeks following the close of the semester.

- 6) **State End-Of-Course (EOC) Courses for Jr./Sr.High School** – Courses where state-required End-of-Course (EOC) Exams are given will **not** administer a second semester exam. One (1.0) credit will be earned upon successful completion of the course (and the EOC) or for passing the EOC Exam with a level 3 or above. The final course grade for EOC courses will be determined by the following:

1st Semester Average = 35%

2nd Semester Average = 35%

EOC Exam = 30%*

1st Semester Average is calculated like all other courses (See #5).

2nd Semester Average is calculated by averaging the 3rd and 4th nine-week grades.

*The EOC exam grade will be calculated by the BPS Office of Testing and Accountability from the students' EOC scores.

- 7) **Calculation of Semester Averages for Jr./Sr. High School** – To calculate the semester average, the first and second nine-week grading periods are weighted 40% each and the semester examination is weighted 20%. Electives and other special courses can have different weighting based on approval from the site administrator.
- 8) **Student Attendance** – Students that fail a class due to not meeting the Brevard Public School's attendance policy will be given a "Failure due to Absences" (FA) grade. Students in this situation will need to retake the course to receive high school credit.

Grade Changes – Grades, once recorded, other than an "Incomplete," will not be changed without approval of the site administrator. The site administrator may approve a grade change for justifiable reasons using the OCS Grade Change Form (attached).

Student Progression – Odyssey Charter School, Inc. follows the Brevard County Student Progression Plan for student promotion or retention.

Brevard Public Schools Student Progression Plan